



# Resource Family Connection

## News, Events, and Information Benefiting the Children of Waukesha County September and October, 2022



### Fun Activities

#### Kids in the Kitchen

Experience hands-on and tasty programs in our new kitchen space! Kids ages 5-12 are welcome to participate. Registration is required.

You can also register for other exciting offerings like Teen Time: Making in Studio 321, Crafting in the Teen Zone, and PajamaRama!

**Where:** Waukesha Public Library, 321 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha  
**When:** Monday, September 12, 2022  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. ~OR~ 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**For Additional Information and to Register:** <https://waukesha.librarycalendar.com/events/month/2022/09>

#### Piala's Tenth Annual Fall Festival

Join us for a fun-filled family friendly weekend at the nursery! Free admission, enjoy a vendor craft fair, live music, fresh food, exclusive festival only sales and plant specials, our peacock palace, and more!

**Where:** Piala's Nursery and Garden Shop, S39W27833 Genesee Rd, Waukesha, WI  
**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2022; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, September 25, 2022; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**For Additional Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/pialasnursery/>

### Halloween Fun

#### Halloween Family Fun Night at Old Falls Village

Admission includes a passport for many activities including: Performances 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily, pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts tent, roasting marshmallow by campfire, and storytelling. Free pumpkin included and cookies with cider available. Costumes encouraged for all ages. Obtain your passport at Admission.

**Where:** Old Falls Village, N96W15791 County Line Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI  
**When:** Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**For Additional Information:** <https://www.hauntedwisconsin.com/detail/old-falls-village-halloween/>

#### Spooky Sussex

Spooky Sussex is a not-so-scary, family-friendly, Halloween event with activities geared for children 10 and under. Spooky Sussex will be held rain or shine, so dress for the weather. Registration is required for everyone at the event except for children 2 and under. Pre-registration is STRONGLY encouraged and will be limited. (Registration information not available at the time of newsletter writing.)

**Where:** Village Park, W244N6260 Weaver Dr, Sussex, WI  
**When:** Friday, October 21, 2022  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**For Additional Information:** <https://www.villagesussex.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1022/59>



### Apple-Licious Fun!

#### Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

Come and enjoy this family-friendly autumn celebration event at Retzer Nature Center! You'll find the Apple Market, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, sweet treats, a silent auction, and so much more!

**Where:** Retzer Nature Center, S14W28167 Madison St, Waukesha, WI  
**When:** Saturday, September 17, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$10/car (Cash Only)  
**For Additional Information:** <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/find-a-park/retzer-nature-center/specialevents/appleharvestfestival/>

#### Travel Wisconsin: 5 Wisconsin Apple Orchards Worth the Pick This Fall

Fall is finally here, and you know what that means: vibrant colors, an autumn breeze, time spent with family and friends, and warm slice of apple pie. And what better way to have it all than by getting in the fall spirit with a trip to an apple orchard?

These orchards have so much more than just apple picking - there are fresh bakeries, cider tastings, wineries, hayrides, and more for the entire family.

Check out the list here: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/article/farm-markets-pick-your-own/visit-five-great-apple-orchards-in-fall>



### Let's Cook!

#### Homemade Applesauce

By: [spendwithpennies.com](https://www.spendwithpennies.com)

Now that you have picked your apples, time to make some yummy foods with them! This applesauce recipe is very versatile and can be used in other recipes! Find additional tips and recipes for your homemade applesauce here: <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/homemade-applesauce/>

#### Ingredients:

- ✿ 3 pounds of apples, peeled, cored, and chopped (about 6 medium apples)
- ✿ 1/3 cup water
- ✿ 2-4 tablespoons sugar (or to taste)
- ✿ 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

#### Instructions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a low simmer and cover.
2. Cook 15-20 minutes or until apples are very tender. Remove lid and simmer an additional 5 minutes to thicken.
3. Mash apples with a masher for chunky consistency or blend/puree with an immersion blender for a smooth consistency.
4. Serve warm or chilled.

# Caregiver Training and Events



Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, we currently are not having any in-person trainings or informational sessions. A survey will be distributed at a later time regarding in-person trainings.

## Waukesha County Foster Parent Information Sessions

Open to Waukesha County residents interested in learning more about foster care in our community. Also required for any new foster parents. The information sessions will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

**Date:** September 14, October 12, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Date:** September 22, October 27, 2022  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**To Register:** Email Rhonda Klinger ([rklinger@waukesha.wisconsin.gov](mailto:rklinger@waukesha.wisconsin.gov)). Please include your full name, email, and the information session that you plan to attend.

## Wisconsin Adoption and Permanency Virtual Support Groups

For Additional Information on the groups below, a full group list with additional information, and to register: <https://wisapsp.org/virtual-support-groups/>

### KINnect Relative Caregivers of Children

A monthly virtual support group for relative caregivers in Wisconsin. Please join us for this opportunity to connect with other parents and grandparents as a way to share the joys and challenges of being a relative caregiver. Noon and evening sessions available.

### Open Mic Teen Support Group

Join other teens of adoption or guardianship families for a live, video group session to socially connect and discuss topics related to challenges that arise in these family dynamics.

## Coalition for Children Youth and Families Topic-Specific Virtual Resource Kits

These virtual resource kits contain descriptions and links of up to 25 different resources,

**Transracial Parenting:** <https://wifostercareandadoption.org/library-assets/virtual-resource-kit-transracial-parenting/>

**Looking at Challenging Behaviors via a Trauma Informed Lens:** <https://wifostercareandadoption.org/library-assets/virtual-resource-kit-looking-at-challenging-behaviors-via-a-trauma-informed-lens/>

## Fostering Families Online Facebook Discussion Groups

For Additional Information on the groups below: <https://fosteringfamiliesonline.com/foster-adoption-kinship-online-discussion-groups/>

### Foster Parenting Toolbox

Tools and discussion to help you successfully parent the child in your care.

### Kinship Parenting Group

A place to discuss challenges, resources, and advice related to Kinship Care.



## Let's Craft!

### Popsicle Stick Haunted House By: [thebestideasforkids.com](http://thebestideasforkids.com)

#### What You'll Need:

- Popsicle Sticks in a variety of sizes - jumbo, regular, and small
- Card Stock - yellow and green
- Paint - black and purple
- Halloween Foam Stickers
- Black Sharpie
- Hot Glue (for the adults only to use!)

#### What You'll Do:

1. Take the largest popsicle sticks and line 6-7 beside each other. Take 2 more sticks and glue them horizontally onto the back of the lined up sticks. This will create a base for the haunted house. (Remember that only adults should do the hot gluing!)
2. Paint the house purple. Then paint smaller popsicle sticks black for the roof, windows, and door. You'll need: 2 black jumbo popsicle sticks for the roof; 5 black regular popsicle sticks for the roof, window, and door; 2 black mini popsicle sticks for the roof (you can also cut regular ones up!).
3. Glue 2 popsicle sticks, overlapping at a point onto the purple base to form a roof. Continue with smaller-sized popsicle sticks until you are happy with the size of the roof. You can cut pieces of regular popsicle sticks to make them fit.
4. Cut out 2 squares from the yellow card stock for the windows. With a black sharpie, add lines for the window panes. Glue 4 pieces of popsicle sticks around the outside edge of the yellow paper, overlapping them at the corners.
5. Glue the windows onto the purple house. Using the same method as the windows, glue small black popsicle sticks onto a green cardstock rectangle for the door. Leave the bottom of the door without a popsicle stick. Attach it to the house with hot glue.
6. Add foam Halloween stickers or create your own Halloween characters from drawings or cardstock to glue on. You can even make your own "KEEP OUT" sign to add to the side.
7. Admire your awesome haunted house! You can even add a magnet to the back and hang it on the fridge!

## Contact Numbers:

### Foster Care Social Workers:

Waukesha County Health & Human Services  
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### Case Management Social Workers:

Angie Sadler, Ongoing Social Work Supervisor  
262-548-7272  
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262-548-7754  
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Children's Mental Health Outreach  
262-548-7666

Medical Emergency: 911

Family Emergency: 211 or 262-547-3388



If an Allegation of Abuse or Neglect has been made against you, please call:

FASPP  
Norma Schoenberg  
920-922-9627

